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## SAVE LWCF: Why Congress Must Act

The bipartisan Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is one of America's most successful conservation programs. However, in just over a month it is set to expire unless Congress acts to reauthorize it. This program has been vital to protecting and enhancing public lands in every state and nearly every county in the United States. In the 11 Western states over the past 50 years, the LWCF has provided \$17.6 billion in grants that have gone towards protecting, creating, and enhancing 368 federal sites including national wildlife refuges, national forests, national parks, and countless state and local projects such as rivers and lakes, community parks, trails, and ball fields. The LWCF's contribution to conservation and our communities is too great to let it expire. Therefore, we are urging Congress to act now to fully fund and permanently reauthorize the LWCF.

Today, The Mountain Pact released a report that describes the Land and Water Conservation Fund and details its contribution to each of the 11 western states. To accompany the release of this report, we along with 64 elected officials from 10 states across the West, are sending a letter to Congressional leadership to urge them to fully fund and permanently reauthorize the LWCF.

Each community that we work with relies on outdoor recreation and tourism for a large portion of their economic success. Central to these are the public lands that surround our communities, many of which have been improved or expanded by the LWCF. LWCF funding has enhanced and expanded projects such as the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail in California, Oregon, and Washington, as well as protected diverse and important ecosystems such as Great Sand Dunes National Park in Colorado and Petrified Forest National Park in Arizona. Great Sand Dunes NP is home to a unique ecosystem of grasslands, sand dunes, alpine lakes, wetlands, and several forest types which would have been lost to private development without LWCF funds.

Along with protecting important natural and cultural resources, the LWCF contributes to overall public lands health and development which in turn supports the outdoor recreation economy. The outdoor recreation industry is an \$887 billion industry that is growing faster than the overall United States economy. This industry relies on healthy public lands which are critical to the distinct culture of western mountain communities. Permanently reauthorizing and fully funding the LWCF is vital for the way of life those of us that live in and visit mountain towns have grown to love.

This important piece of conservation legislation is key to the continued success of our mountain communities and western way of life. We hope Congress will hear our voices and vote to fully fund and permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund so that we may continue to preserve and enhance America's public lands and waters.

We would like to take a moment to acknowledge all of the elected officials that have been involved with this campaign – thank you for all that you do. Special thank you to all the newly engaged elected officials from Moab, UT; Eagle County, CO; Santa Fe, NM; Red River, NM; Wenatchee, WA; Jackson, WY; and Flagstaff, AZ. As always, thank you to our rockstar towns who continue to be engaged.

*If you would like to help us continue to work on important conservation efforts like this one, please consider donating [here](#).*

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and agencies, and describes how climate change impacts are worsening, and that we must take immediate action. The urgency in this report is at odds with the Trump Administration's emphasis on rolling back environmental regulations. In fact, both President Trump and EPA chief Andrew Wheeler have expressed concern regarding the climate change report saying that they 'don't believe it.'

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In 2016, then President Obama commissioned the USGS to create a report that detailed carbon dioxide emissions from energy produced on public lands. The report found that between 2005 and 2014 an average of 23.7 percent of all United States carbon dioxide emissions came from federal lands, with 13 percent being directly attributed to coal. In addition, 7.3 percent of total U.S. methane emissions come from public lands. The reported emissions include those generated by drilling, mining, transporting, and refining before being burned. Emissions were found to have decreased between 2005 and 2014, likely due to decreased production on public lands. However, with this administration's increased focus on oil and gas production from public lands, it is likely emissions have increased again.

#### Impacts to Mountain Communities

Since 2016, the Trump Administration has worked tirelessly to rollback many Obama era environmental protections. President Trump and his administration have pulled out of the Paris Climate Accord, are attempting to freeze fuel efficiency standards, have repealed the commonsense 2016 Methane Waste Prevention Rule, and have put major emphasis on removing public input from the oil and gas leasing process on public lands. This 'energy dominance' agenda has put the American people at risk, as has been shown in both recent climate reports. In the western U.S. we are already experiencing decreased snowpack, increased droughts, as well as lengthening and intensifying fire seasons, all of which will get even worse according to this report – especially if we do not take immediate and substantial actions.

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#### What You Can Do

In order to comply with a court order issued in Idaho earlier this year, which faulted BLM for prioritizing oil and gas leasing over its duty to provide for meaningful public engagement, the BLM deferred some December lease sales totaling over 1.5 million acres of public lands within sage-grouse and other critical wildlife habitat in Colorado, Montana, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming. However, shortly after deferring this acreage, the BLM swiftly placed 91 percent of those lands back on the chopping block for February and March 2019 sales. There are many parcels in these sales that have conflicts with wildlife, recreation, agriculture, and clean air and water. It is important that the BLM hear from individuals who will be impacted by these lease sales so that the BLM manages our public lands with their legally required multiple use mandate, not only focusing on energy extraction. Below is a list of public comment period deadlines with information on how to comment.

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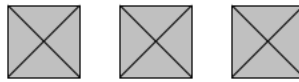
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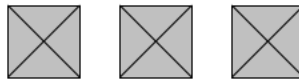
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## New Proposals Threaten Millions of Acres of Greater Sage-Grouse Habitat

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### 2015 Greater Sage Grouse Management Plan

Greater sage-grouse live in large areas of sagebrush steppe, much of which is managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM); and share this habitat with elk, mule deer, golden eagles and pronghorn. In 2015, the Obama administration spearheaded an "unprecedented" decade-long collaboration to keep sensitive sage-grouse habitats on public lands off-limits to oil and gas extraction. This collaboration was dubbed the, "Largest landscape level conservation effort in U.S.

history." It concluded with multi-party consensus from Western Governors, ranchers, conservationists and oil and gas industry representatives that implemented management plans to protect sage-grouse habitat, while also designating specific areas for oil and gas development.

The 2015 plan kept the greater sage-grouse off of the Endangered Species List in an effort to protect the species while allowing for some well regulated energy extraction so long as a large buffer was maintained in nearby communities. If drilling was allowed in 'sagebrush focal areas' there were limits on construction, bans on drilling during mating season, and there was a requirement that companies pay into a fund that was used to preserve habitat in other locations. Since this historic decision in 2015, sage-grouse populations have rebounded.

#### New Proposals and What This Means For Mountain Communities

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Nearly half of greater sage-grouse habitat lies on public lands, the majority of which is managed by the BLM, including 8.8 million acres in Idaho, 2.5 million acres in Utah, and 1.7 million acres in Colorado. Opening greater sage-grouse habitat to oil and gas extraction is another move in line with the Trump Administration's effort to open much of America's public lands and waters to oil and gas drilling. The departure from the 2015 collaborative plan ignores over half a million comments in support of maintaining protections in favor of special interests. By ignoring Westerners and their own best available science, the administration is threatening the survival of the sage-grouse and undermining certainty for businesses that depend on a healthy and working sagebrush landscape. Decline in sage-grouse populations could prompt a decline in the 350 species that live in the sagebrush habitat – a habitat that supports \$1 billion worth of economic output from outdoor recreation each year.

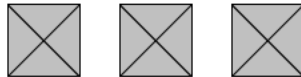
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## Secretary Zinke Resigns From the Department of Interior

On Saturday, December 15, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke resigned amidst numerous ethics investigations after losing White House support. Secretary Zinke has been instrumental in implementing President Trump and his administration's 'energy dominance' agenda by streamlining and expanding oil and gas leasing and drilling operations on public lands. Secretary Zinke and his Interior Department have rolled back common sense environmental safeguards, and time and again ignored voices from mountain communities that rely on healthy, well managed public lands for economic stability, outdoor recreation, and cultural vitality.

Ryan Zinke faces 18 investigations relating to his travel, business dealings, and policy decisions while serving as Secretary of the Interior. The investigations include: the Secretary's use of taxpayer funds for private flights and a real estate deal that would benefit both him and Halliburton Chairman David J. Lesar. In October, following the referral of this land deal investigation to the Justice Department, Secretary Zinke lost the support of the White House and was urged to resign.

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massive reductions to the size of four National Monuments, which resulted in the largest reduction in public lands protection in U.S. history. Along with this, he relaxed many Obama era environmental regulations such as the BLM Methane Waste Prevention Rule, and has worked to reduce public involvement in oil and gas leasing, and remove protections from 9 million acres of critical sage grouse habitat.

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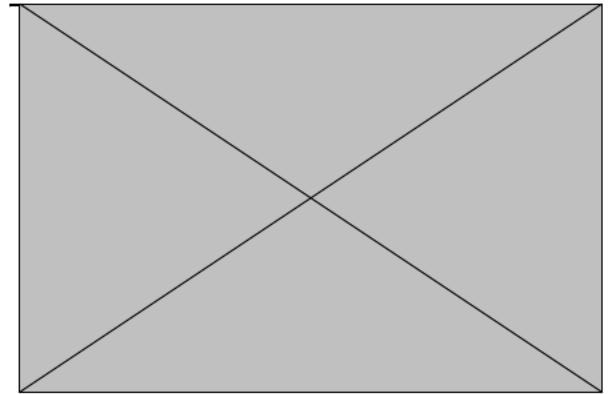
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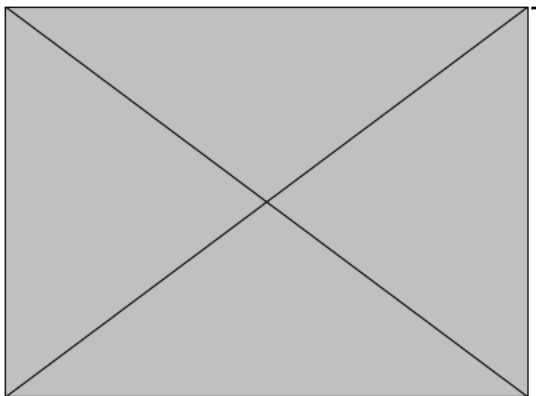
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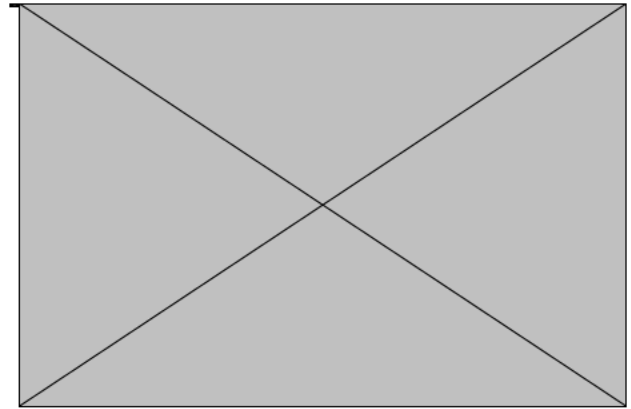


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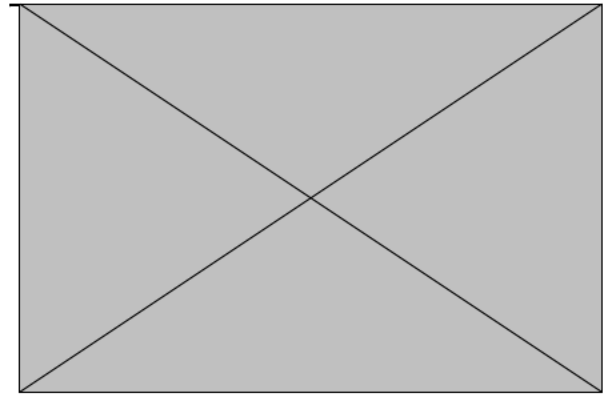
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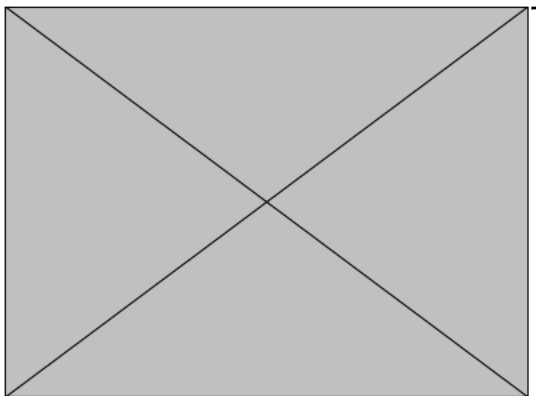
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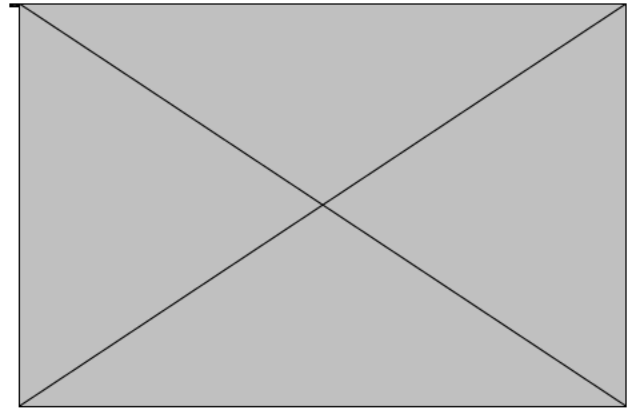


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### Government Shutdown and Federal Public Lands

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#### **Acting Secretary David Bernhardt**

Secretary Zinke, who was responsible for the decision to leave national parks open yet understaffed during the government shutdown, resigned on January 2, amidst numerous ethics investigations. Secretary Zinke has been highly criticized for his role in removing public lands protections. However, his temporary replacement, David Bernhardt, a former oil lobbyist, has a track record that concerns many conservationists.

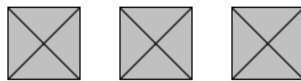
Bernhardt has a long history at DOI, but had previously been employed as a lobbyist with several energy and coal companies as clients. Many fear that Bernhardt's numerous conflicts of interest will mean he manages public lands for the benefit of oil, gas, and coal companies rather than the American public. Bernhardt has made clear that the goals at DOI are the goals of the President, including deregulation and relaxing environmental standards for oil and gas companies. Bernhardt has already made his mark at DOI by spearheading the revision of the historic collaborative sage-grouse management plan. This revision opens up 9 million acres of previously protected sensitive habitat to oil and gas leasing.

If this is any indication of what to expect from the Acting Secretary, **we must be sure**

**to speak up now and continue to make our voices heard** so that 'energy dominance' does not remain the only consideration for public lands management. As Bernhardt takes charge in the new year, we hope he is a good neighbor to Western communities that rely on healthy and well managed public lands.

***Want to make sure Acting Secretary Bernhardt listens to and hears your community's voice? Let us know if you'd be interested in writing a Letter to the Editor or Opinion Editorial piece to local media.***

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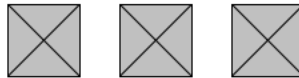
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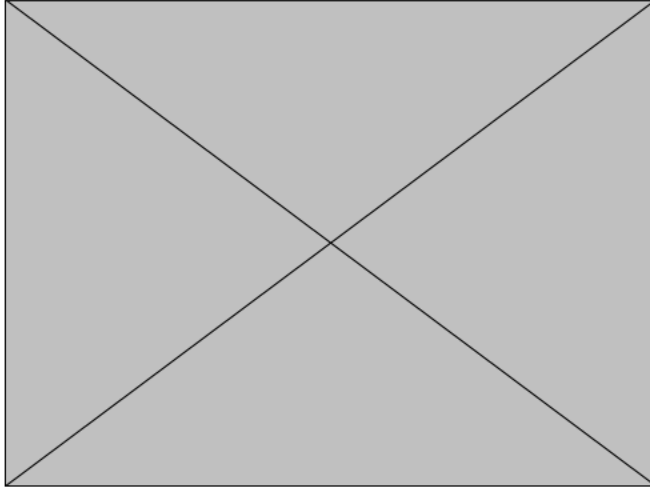
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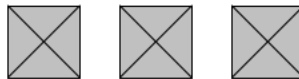
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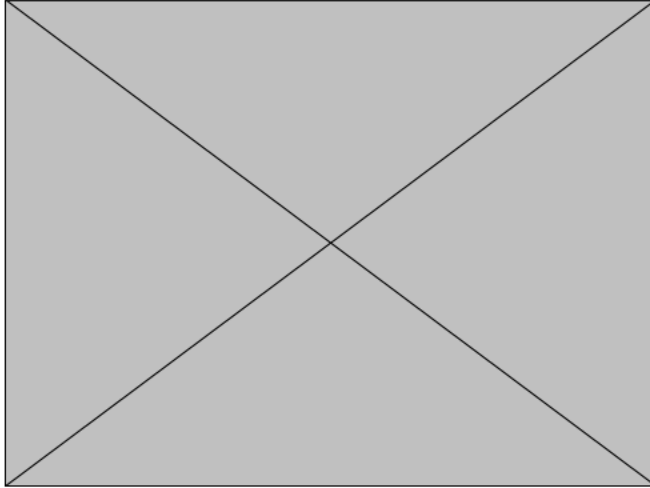
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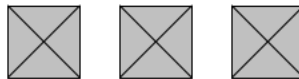
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Did you get a chance to review my previous email? Let me know if we can schedule a call to discuss further.

Look forward to hearing back

Regards,

Alvina

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**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2019 9:42 AM  
**To:** dailybriefingbinder@ios.doi.gov  
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Hi,

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**Title Includes:**

- ☐ **Production Manager**
- ☐ **Production Coordinator**
- ☐ **Production Supervisor**
- ☐ **Director of Production**
- ☐ **VP of Production**

I'd be happy to send over few sample records on your request, and set up a time to discuss in detail.

Have a great day!

Regards,

**Alvina Mel / CD Services**

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## 0824 Critical Minerals

Hello Team,

You have been tasked the briefing memorandum for the Secretary's 'Critical Minerals CEO Roundtable' on  
Thur, Aug 24th from 1pm - 2pm.

Please complete the briefing memo by Aug 18th at 3:00 pm.

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Attending will be Stephen Alferts, President and CEO, SAlferts@pershinggold.com; and Debra W. Struhsacker,  
Senior Vice President of Pershing Gold Corporation and its subsidiary, Gold Acquisition Corp.

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Newport Mining:

CEO declined. Attending will be Mary Beth Donnelly, Vice President, North America Government Relations,  
Newmont Mining Corporation, 202-744-9919;



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Thank you,

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0823 James McDonnell

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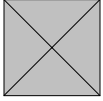
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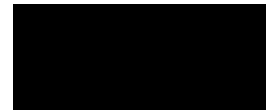


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## 0829 OSullivan LIUNA

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The 'Briefing Memo' is due on Aug 25th at 3:00 pm.

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Thank you,

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TOPICS: Meeting to discuss some fixes in the bureaucracy to better facilitate delivery of funds for battlefield preservation and short term funding needs.

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## STATEMENT AND TALKING POINTS FOR SECRETARY ZINKE FOR USGS NATIONAL CENTER VISIT AUGUST 31, 2017

### Statement on USGS Realignment

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) has proposed a bureau-level management realignment to shift more authority out to your field-based science centers and provide a more efficient, clear management chain with a direct line of sight from the field to your senior leaders. This greater connectivity supports the goals I have for the Department of the Interior to improve efficiency and empower the front lines.

### Talking Points:

#### ***How is the USGS realignment related to the DOI reorganization?***

- Many USGS capabilities are national in scope and should be a resource to all DOI regions.
- Your executives in the field will be better able to align USGS expertise and capacity to support the DOI mission.

#### ***How will USGS interact with the Joint Management Areas once they are established?***

- USGS field-based Science Center Directors will have the primary responsibility for local, regional, and state-based partnership development and stakeholder engagement.
- USGS liaisons will be embedded within the DOI regional offices to facilitate access to all USGS science capabilities.

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## **USGS Visit and Tour for Secretary Zinke**

### **August 31, 2017**

**9:15**            **DEPART Main Interior**

**9:45**            **ARRIVE USGS / Park in USGS V-Lot**

**10:00**            **Brief Overview of USGS | USGS Leadership**  
*Bill Werkheiser, Dave Applegate, Judy Nowakowski, Doug Beard, Kevin Gallagher, Murray Hitzman, Anne Kinsinger, Betsy Hildebrandt, Mike Tupper*  
Rm 7A413

**10:20**            **Critical Minerals (NMIC, 3DEEP)**  
Murray Hitzman, Steve Fortier, Nedal Nassar, Larry Meinert | Rm 7A413

*The **National Minerals Information Center** collects, analyzes, and publishes non-fuel mineral commodity information on materials of importance to U.S. economic and national security interests. The Center produces more than 700 publications annually, including the influential Mineral Commodity Summaries, which report the reliance of the U.S. on foreign sources of mineral raw materials, the Mineral Yearbook series, and studies on mineral criticality. The Center has ongoing work with the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, Energy, and the intelligence agencies, among others, all of whom rely on data from the NMIC to deliver the aspects of their missions that relate to the supply of mineral raw materials.*

*The United States is 100 percent dependent on imports for 20 mineral commodities and 50 percent import dependent for another 30 mineral commodities. The United States is almost certainly contains deposits of these critical and strategic minerals, but U.S. mineral exploration by the private sector is hampered by the lack of modern geological and geophysical data. The **3DEEP** program will put the United States on the path to critical minerals independence by moving towards completion of topographic, geologic, and geophysical 3D mapping of the Nation through partnering with private sector companies, State Geological Surveys, and universities. The program would help to identify resources that would reduce mineral import dependence, thereby strengthening national security, creating jobs within the private sector, and generating ancillary economic and social benefits in value-added products and services.*

**10:40**            **Reston Microbiology Laboratory | Denise Akob | Rm 1B405 | 15 minutes**

*The National Research Program's **Reston Microbiology Laboratory** studies the interactions between microbes and their environment and how those microbes can affect biogeochemical cycling. Research focuses on a large variety of environmental questions involving microbes, such as natural gas production from coal, cleanup processes at contaminated sites, and uncovering unique and unseen biodiversity in sediments and water. The lab is also involved in the study of diseases impacting amphibians across the United States.*

**11:00**            **Town Hall with Secretary Zinke | Dallas L. Peck Auditorium | 30 minutes**

**11:30**            **DEPART USGS enroute Main Interior**

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I have updated the memo. Let me know if you have questions or need more information.  
Also here are a few attachments with further information on possible questions on realignment and also on the labs visiting.

Thanks.  
Andrea

Andrea Travnicek, Ph.D.  
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## 0907 Partnership Rangeland Trusts

Hello Maureen,

You have been tasked the briefing memorandum for the Secretary's meeting with the Partnership of Rangeland Trusts on Sept 7th 1 - 1:30pm.

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Your POC for this meeting is:

Erik Glenn Eglenn@ccalt.org (317) 407-4295;  
Michael Delbar Mdelbar@rangelandtrust.org (707) 391-7408; and  
Nita Vail nvail@rangelandtrust.org

TOPICS: Land Water Conservation Fund

### ATTENDEES:

- Erik Glenn, Executive Director, Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust
- Michael Delbar, COO, Partnership of Rangeland Trusts
- Mike Beam, Executive Director, Ranchland Trust of Kansas
- Bo Alley, Executive Director, Wyoming Stock Growers Agricultural Land Trust
- Tracy Swanson, Board of Directors, Wyoming Stock Growers Agricultural Land Trust
- James Oliver, COO, Texas Agricultural Land Trust
- Erin Karney, Industry Advancement Director, Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust
- Terry R. Fankhauser, Executive Vice President, Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust

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## 0801 Sheriff's Assoc

Hello Peter,

This is a reschedule of a previous meeting with the National Sheriff's Association. This meeting is scheduled for Wed, Sept 6 at 1:00pm.

Please complete the briefing by Friday, Sept 1 at 3:00 pm.

Your POC will be able to answer any questions you have about discussion topics, etc and, as always, please feel free to give me a call.

POC:

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John Blount  
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TOPIC:

This meeting is a follow up to John Blount's conversation with the Secretary on BLM police enforcement efforts and Sheriff's doing more of that work.

Attendees:

Jonathan Thompson, Executive Director of the National Sheriff's Assoc and myself. Depending on the day, Sheriff Danny Glick of Laramie County, Wyoming would also join.

Jim Pond Sheriff Ret.  
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## 0905 National Mall Trust Chip Akridge

Hello Maureen,

You have been tasked the briefing memorandum for the Secretary's meeting with Chip Akridge and Larry Griffith to discuss the Trust for the National Mall on Tuesday, Sept 5th from 2 - 2:30pm.

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You may reach out to the POC for this meeting if you need further assistance or have any questions:  
William F. Crozer, Senior Associate, BGR Group; 202.661.6317; wcrozer@bgrdc.com

### TOPICS:

I wanted to request a meeting with the Secretary on behalf of Chip Akridge and Lanny Griffith to discuss the Trust for the National Mall. The is the official nonprofit partner of the National Park Service dedicated to improving, preserving, and restoring the National Mall. During President Bush's first term when Gale Norton was Interior Secretary, Chip and I went to see the Secretary about our concern for the deteriorating condition of the National Mall. That led to a series of meetings with the NPS and eventually to the creation of the Trust for the National Mall. Mr. Akridge is a prominent commercial real estate developer here in Washington, and he serves as Chairman of the Trust. Lanny, a partner at BGR Group, has been on the Board of Directors of the Trust since the outset.

We understand the many demands on the Secretary's schedule and do not need a significant amount of time. We are eager also eager to meet with any of his political team who we would work with over the next several years.

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Briefing for Sept 5th.

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## 0908 Solar Emphasis Areas

Hello ,

You have been tasked the briefing memorandum for the Secretary's meeting on 'Solar Emphasis Areas' on Fri, Sept 8 from 1 - 1:30 pm.

Please complete the briefing memo by Sept 6 at 3:00 pm.

If you have any supplemental materials please email as an attachment or <SHARE> to:  
dailybriefingbinder@ios.doi.gov

TOPICS: Solar Emphasis Areas

Thank you,

Christine Bauserman  
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Andrea,

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Call me if you have any questions or need help.

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## 0915 Gov Walker 1002 Boundary

Hello,

The Secretary has a phone call with Alaska Governor Walker regarding the 1002 Boundary.

This issue crosses all of your Bureau's. Please decide who will take the lead or how you would like to handle getting Briefing Material to the Secretary.

The call with the Governor is scheduled for Friday, Sept 15th from 3 - 3:30pm.

The Briefing memorandum is due on Tuesday the 12th at 3:00pm.

POC:

Janice Mason, Executive Scheduler, Office of Governor Bill Walker;  
PHONE: 907.465.3500; janice.mason@alaska.gov

TOPICS:

1002 Boundary

Thank you,

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## 0919 Higbie Cross CNCS AmeriCorps

Hello Tim and Jason,

You have been tasked the briefing memorandum for the Secretary's meeting with Carl Higbie, Chief of External Affairs, Corporation for National and Community Service and Gina Cross, Acting Director, CNCS / AmeriCorps:

Meeting Date: Sept 19 Time: 11 - 11:30 am

The 'Briefing Memo' is due on Sept 14th at 3:00 pm.

Please reach out to the POC for details on topics they plan to discuss and what they hope to accomplish.

POC:

POC: Carl Higbie, Chief of External Affairs, Corporation for National and Community Service;  
www.NationalService.gov; M: (202) 489-5759; O: (202) 606-6854

Gina Cross, Acting Director, CNCS/AmeriCorps; Office: (202) 606-3233 | GCross@cns.gov

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Thank you,

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## 0919 Wild Horse Roundtable

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You have been tasked the briefing memorandum for the Secretary's 'prebrief for the Wild Horse Roundtable' on Tuesday, Sept 19th from 3 - 3:30pm.

The 'Briefing Memo' is due on Sept 15th at 3:00 pm.

The POC for this memo are Kate and Tim.

Thank you,

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## New Film Saving Snow to Highlight Climate Change Impacts on Winter Economy

Saving Snow, a new climate change documentary, will be released on February 24, 2018. The film shows the negative impacts of climate change on the winter economy from the perspective of people on the ground. The film shines a spotlight on mountain communities and businesses working towards a clean energy future. We're excited to let you know that the filmmaker is allowing the film to be used for community screenings during it's opening week free of charge. If you are interested in organizing a screening in your area, you can sign up [here](#).

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## DOI Secretarial Order Will Streamline Development on Public Lands

The Department of Interior (DOI) recently issued an order to help streamline infrastructure projects, allowing for increased industry development on public lands. Industry officials have argued that the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements have made it unnecessarily challenging for drilling projects to move forward in a timely manner, and the Trump Administration has responded with a Secretarial Order that will 'streamline' the NEPA process increasing the likelihood of incomplete environmental review processes and cutting of corners.

### 'Streamlining NEPA'

Secretarial Order 3355, released and put into effect September 1, was responding to Executive Order 13807. The EO was intended to "Establish Discipline and Accountability in the Environmental Review and Permitting Process for Infrastructure" essentially to make it easier for infrastructure development to proceed. The Secretarial Order drastically changes how the DOI and its agencies prepare environmental analyses and disclose their actions to the public under NEPA.

NEPA requires specific Environmental Assessments (EA) or Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) to be performed prior to infrastructure development projects. These

environmental studies are mandated by federal law and are the principal way that agencies like the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service review proposed projects and gather citizen input. The Order describes these reviews as "needlessly complex" and suggests that they are "impediments to efficient and effective review." However, by putting a time and page limit on these reviews, DOI is encouraging hasty, possibly incomplete reviews, while also making it more difficult for the public to be a part of the conversation, as well as encouraging hasty and possibly incomplete reviews. Public input is a major aspect of the NEPA review process, but limiting the review to one year will likely decrease the amount of time for public comment and allow projects move on to the next phase without thorough vetting.

#### What Does This Mean for Mountain Communities?

Mountain towns depend heavily on the public lands surrounding our communities. By making it easier for drilling and other development projects to move forward on public lands, the recreation that relies on these lands and sustains our economies, will suffer. Thorough EISs safeguard our environment by looking at the broad impact of development projects. A hasty and incomplete review process that encourages development may leave our public lands and ecosystems vulnerable to pollution and possibly even closure.

Leaving the public out of the conversation is not a good way to manage the public lands that support our economies and Western way of life. The Mountain Pact is following this issue and will keep you up to date on how it may impact your communities and the public lands that they rely on.

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## The Mountain Pact Welcomes Our New Executive Director

Dear Mountain Pact towns, friends and partners,

I'm writing with big news to share. As many of you know, after four years I am stepping down as Executive Director of The Mountain Pact. Times have certainly changed since I launched the organization back in early 2014 when the Obama Administration was introducing local guidance on climate resilience and incorporating public land management into the U.S. commitments to the Paris Climate Accord. Now it's time for a new Executive Director to take the reins and navigate the interests of western mountain towns in this new world.

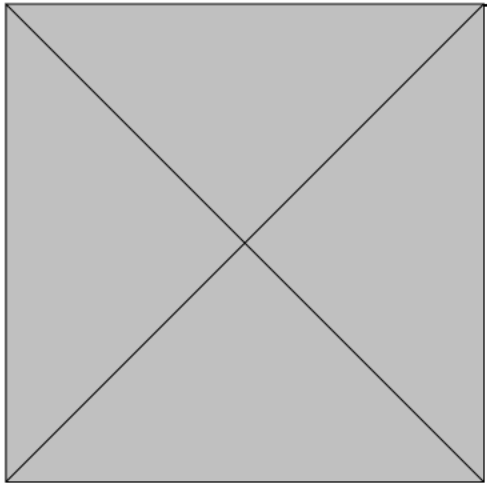
With that, I'm thrilled to introduce the new Mountain Pact Executive Director: Anna Peterson!

Originally from Minnesota, Anna has lived in many of the West's mountain towns including Bend, OR, Missoula, MT, and most recently in her current home of ten years Durango, CO.

Anna has worked professionally for almost 20 years with a range of constituency groups,

non profits, small businesses, foundations, and large corporations on campaigns focused on corporate social responsibility, anti sweatshops, human rights, immigration, refugee rights, public health, public lands, and climate change issues. She has worked in or with the outdoor recreation industry for the past ten years and for the past year she has been running her own communications agency, Conservation Communications.

Anna has served as an organizer, campaign manager, event planner, speaker, lobbyist, trainer, photographer, ad buyer, graphic designer, and media professional. She has expertise building coalitions drawing from a diverse range of constituencies. Anna's diverse background and broad understanding of western mountain communities will serve The Mountain Pact well as she elevates the distinct needs and voices of mountain communities when it comes to federal policy.



When not working on campaigns, Anna spends time outside in and around the Four Corners area with her fellow photographer husband Tim and spoiled rescue dog Greta. She enjoys art and photography projects and is often working on (and continually expanding!) her family's high desert garden. She's an avid traveler and hopes to soon add to her list of 20 countries visited.

We are very excited to welcome her aboard and look forward to introducing all of you to her in upcoming individual conversations! Please feel free to contact Anna at [anna@themountainpact.org](mailto:anna@themountainpact.org).

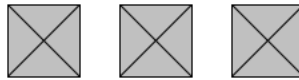
As for me, I'll be overlapping with Anna these next few months to get her up to speed. Under Anna's leadership, I have no doubt that The Mountain Pact will continue to grow in its influence and thrive in its ability to effect change by mobilizing western mountain communities with outdoor economies.

Thank you to all of you who have been essential to the success of The Mountain Pact's

first four years. It's been an incredibly special and rewarding time. I'm forever grateful.

Sincerely,  
Diana Madson  
Director Emeritus | The Mountain Pact

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## Center for American Progress Outdoor Recreation Scorecard by State

Outdoor recreation is a major economic contributor to mountain communities. This \$887 billion dollar industry depends on a healthy and well managed public lands system to continue to flourish. However, not all states equally recognize the importance of public lands and outdoor recreation. The Center for American Progress (CAP) produced a [report](#) describing support of outdoor recreation in each of the 11 western states. This week the Outdoor Retailer Trade Show [kicks off](#) in Colorado for the first time after leaving Utah due to anti public lands action from state officials. This move highlights the importance of support of public lands for the outdoor recreation economy to continue to grow and bolster mountain town and state economies. Following is a brief overview of the CAP report so you can see the role your state plays in this economic powerhouse.

### Outdoor Recreation Scores by State

CAP used four categories to characterize each state's commitment to outdoor recreation: Public Lands Recognition, Outdoor Recreation Funding, Access, and Getting Youth Outdoors.

When gauging a state's Public Lands Recognition CAP analyzed the history of land transfer efforts as well as the existence of 'State Public Lands Days' and whether or not a

distinct office of outdoor recreation has been created. Outdoor Recreation Funding considered both the amount of dedicated funding a state puts towards public lands and the size of the state's outdoor economy using new data from the Outdoor Industry Association. The Access category analyzed how states prioritize the residents' ability to get to public lands to participate in outdoor recreation. Finally, the Getting Youth Outdoors category looked at the policies a state has to assist youth in getting outdoors.

States were graded on a 20 point scale with:

- Colorado and Montana receiving A's;
- California, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington receiving B's;
- Idaho and New Mexico receiving C's;
- Arizona, and Wyoming receiving D's and;
- Utah receiving an F.

Specific information on why each state received the score that it did can be found here.

States that scored higher are making larger strides to recognize the importance of public lands and integrate their protection and expansion into state policies. General areas for improving follow.

Public lands support:

- Declaring a 'State Public Lands Day'
- Creating a distinct Office of Outdoor Recreation
- Conducting a state specific economic analysis of outdoor recreation

State funding for the great outdoors:

- Creating dedicated funding programs
- Collecting licenses and fees

Access to public lands:

- Increasing access to state trust lands
- Increasing stream access
- Improving access across private lands

The number of young people and under served communities outdoors:

- Expanding the federal Every Kid in a Park program to the state level
- Creating various grants for getting kids outside through No Child Left Inside bill

- Including outdoor curriculum in education.

#### What Does This Mean for Mountain Communities

Outdoor recreation on public lands support and enhance the economies of mountain communities. Opportunities for outdoor recreation also provide a certain quality of life that is increasingly sought by business owners, employees, and families. Therefore, it is important for policies supportive of this growing industry to be implemented at both the federal and state levels.

As the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) study to recognize the contribution of the outdoor recreation economy to the overall United States GDP continues, the importance of this industry will become more widely recognized. Advocating for state policies that are supportive of this industry will in turn support the economic health and well being of mountain communities long term.

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## The Mountain Pact Brings Mountain Community Voices to Washington, D.C.

Last week, The Mountain Pact went to Washington D.C. to meet with Western Senators and Representatives, the USDA/Forest Service and Department of Interior leadership to discuss the importance of balanced public lands management to the economic and cultural well being of our mountain communities. Executive Director Anna Peterson was joined by local elected officials from Bend, OR, Telluride, CO, Aspen, CO, Avon, CO, and Frisco, CO.

### The Messages We Brought to Washington:

- Balance Oil & Gas Leasing on Public Lands with Conservation and Recreation The Trump Administration must ensure that oil and gas leases on public lands include necessary environmental safeguards and opportunities for public input. Public lands need to be managed with the multiple use mandate in mind to support other uses of public lands such as outdoor recreation which supports mountain town economies.
- Ensure Oil & Gas Royalties Rates on Public Lands Quit Shortchanging Taxpayers The Trump Administration should manage public lands in a way that supports

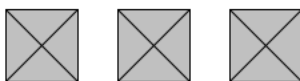
multiple uses and ensures taxpayers are getting their fair share of revenue from energy development.

- Implement the 2016 Methane Waste and Prevention Rule The 2016 BLM Methane Waste and Prevention Rule should be implemented as is. This rule has common sense environmental and economic safeguards that will put an end to shortchanging taxpayers and reduce emissions that have proven harmful to human and environmental health.
- Put an End to the SECURE/ONSHORE Acts These pieces of legislation would largely cut the public out of the oil and gas leasing review process by giving authority to the states where development occurs. Congress should keep the management of oil and gas on public lands at the federal level to ensure key environmental safeguards and public comment are not ignored by the states who have no obligation to follow federal review processes.
- Reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Congress should fund and reauthorize the LWCF at its full amount to ensure beneficial investment in management of America's public lands.

A big thank you to council members Nathan Boddie (Bend, OR), Todd Brown (Telluride, CO also representing Ridgway, CO and Ophir, CO), Ann Mullins (Aspen, CO), Sarah Smith Hymes (Avon, CO), and Hunter Mortensen (Frisco, CO) for joining The Mountain Pact in DC last week.

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National public lands and their balanced management is critical to the economic and cultural well being of western mountain communities. The recreation opportunities provided by these lands draw visitors from all over the world and contribute to a special quality of life for our residents. A strict 'energy dominance' approach to public lands management is detrimental to the recreational opportunities that could be provided by these lands as well as the climate resiliency of our communities. We were so glad to be able to bring these messages to Congressional and Agency leadership in Washington last week. Stay tuned for an update on the next way that you can get involved with federal policies impacting mountain communities.



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## COMMENT DEADLINE APPROACHING: Reduced Bears Ears and Grand Staircase–Escalante National Monuments Management Plans

On December 4, 2017, President Trump traveled to Utah to proclaim that he would cut Bears Ears National Monument by 85 percent and Grand Staircase–Escalante National Monument by nearly half—the largest reductions to federal public land protections in history. The President's proclamation followed months of uncertainty regarding what executive action would be taken on the recommendations from Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke's national monument review.

Many legal scholars believe that President Trump does not have the authority to reduce national monuments—that power rests exclusively with Congress. Now, even though the legality of these massive cuts to land protections has yet to be determined by the courts, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is moving forward with new monument management plans for the three smaller units left by President Trump's cuts in place of Grand Staircase–Escalante National Monument, and the two smaller units left in place of Bears Ears National Monument. Because the courts have yet to rule on whether President Trump has the authority to slash national monuments, the BLM would be better suited to postpone plan making until after the courts have decided.

Public lands are vital aspects of western culture. The tourism they draw for recreation and enjoyment stimulate the economies of mountain communities. By making resource management plans before a decision is finalized regarding the legality of the monument reductions, the BLM is once again ignoring public opinion regarding the importance of public lands in the West.

**If you are interested in submitting comment that advocates for public lands protections and Western mountain communities with recreation-based economies, please click [here](#).**

The comment period for Bears Ears closes on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11 and on FRIDAY, APRIL 13 for Grand Staircase Escalante.

For assistance on what to write you can click [here](#). Please personalize your comments and do two separate comments for each monument.

You can also submit your comments via email or mail.

For Bears Ears:

- Send an email to: [blm\\_ut\\_monticello\\_monuments@blm.gov](mailto:blm_ut_monticello_monuments@blm.gov)
- Mail comments to: Bureau of Land Management, 365 North Main, PO Box 7, Monticello, UT 84355

For Grand Staircase-Escalante:

- Send an email to [BLM\\_UT\\_CCD\\_monuments@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_UT_CCD_monuments@blm.gov)
- Mail comments to: Bureau of Land Management, 669 S. Hwy 89A, Kanab, UT 84741

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## BLM Methane Waste Rule

In 2016 the Obama Administration's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) finalized the Methane Waste Prevention Rule that would regulate methane leaking and flaring from natural gas wells on BLM managed public lands. Now, the Trump Administration has been working to eliminate this rule since President Trump took office. Most recently, the BLM issued a new proposed rule that would effectively eliminate any protections against leaking, venting, and flaring of methane. However, courts have also ruled on the immediate implementation of the 2016 rule while a Trump Administration version of their new rule is formulated. Join us in urging Secretary Zinke and the BLM to implement the 2016 Rule as is.

### BLM Methane Waste Rule

The 2016 BLM Methane Waste Rule aims to reduce the amount of methane that is leaked, flared, or vented from natural gas wells on BLM managed public lands. It has been found that oil and gas companies waste \$330 million worth of natural gas each year due to unregulated leaking, venting, and flaring from wells. Additionally, taxpayers are losing millions of dollars every year from this wasted natural gas. Not only is this costing taxpayers and nearby western communities significant loss in revenue, but it is allowing the consistent leaking of dangerous emissions into the air. These methane leaks are dangerous for both our atmosphere and human health.

Yet, in December 2017, Secretary Zinke announced that the BLM would postpone implementation of the Methane Waste Rule by one year so that oil and gas companies would not be concerned with costs associated with implementation of a rule that the BLM was intending to rewrite an announcement welcomed by industry groups.

### What's Happening Now?

In February 2018, the BLM released a new proposed rule that would eliminate the conservation and public health requirements that had been updated with the 2016 rule. This new rule eliminates the 2016 upgrades and reverts back to weak requirements that lead to extreme loss of taxpayer revenue and dangerous emissions of wasted methane. Along with this new proposed rule, the BLM has opened a 60 day public comment period.

### What You Can Do

Any new rule addressing methane waste needs to focus on the economic and health impacts methane leaks have on all Americans rather than just preventing a possible financial burden to the oil and gas industry. The Mountain Pact is committed to sustaining mountain communities through support of common sense regulations on public lands such as the 2016 Methane Waste Prevention Rule. If you would like to submit comment that supports the implementation of the 2016 Rule, please click here and follow the link and instructions at the bottom of the page.

Please reach out to us with any questions!

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## Fire Funding Fix Passes in 2018 Omnibus Spending Bill

The Mountain Pact is excited to share that Congress has added new directives to how the federal government budgets for the suppression of large wildfires in the FY 2018 omnibus spending bill which President Trump signed today, Friday, March 23, 2018.

"For years Western mountain communities and The Mountain Pact have pushed for wildfire funding reform," said Anna Peterson, Executive Director of The Mountain Pact. "Emergency relief funding, coupled with sustainable forest restoration investments, is imperative to protect our communities from more frequent and severe wildfires. It is critical to sustaining our towns' and cities' economic and environmental vitality. We are thankful that Congress has added and passed a bipartisan funding fix to the omnibus spending package that will free up urgently needed resources for catastrophic wildfires while keeping necessary funds for public lands conservation and recreation programs intact."

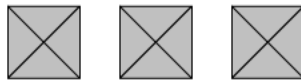
The 10 year deal includes a new funding mechanism which will adjust funding caps to accommodate firefighting needs and end the need for borrowing from other programs within the Forest Service and the Interior Department. The deal provides a new disaster cap allocation for wildfire starting in FY 2020 at \$2.25 billion and increases to \$2.95

billion in FY 2027. In addition, the legislation freezes the Forest Service budget for wildfire suppression activities at the FY 2015 level to stop the slow migration of non fire related funds being diverted to fire programs at the beginning of each fiscal year.

This action finally dedicates appropriate funding for wildfire mitigation and forest management and allows dollars appropriated for recreation programs, maintenance, and infrastructure to stay in those accounts.

Thank you to all who have been involved in Mountain Pact efforts through the years to get a comprehensive fire funding fix passed. This is a great legislative win that will allow the public lands that our communities rely on to receive the funding for maintenance and conservation that they deserve.

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## Funding for Conservation and the Nat'l Park Service Maintenance Backlog

The National Park Service (NPS) currently has a nearly \$12 billion deferred maintenance backlog that has built up due to years of inadequate funding to fix maintenance needs. It will only get worse unless Congress can agree on a way to provide funding to address these needs. However, contrary to the picture that Secretary Zinke has painted, funding to address this massive maintenance backlog does not have to come at the expense of conservation funding. Meaning that Congress can and should allocate funds for both the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), and the NPS maintenance backlog.

### National Park Service Maintenance Backlog

In 2017, the deferred maintenance backlog in national parks was valued at \$12 billion. This is due to years of under funding for standard maintenance of roads, buildings, and trails. However, several investigations have found that a large portion of this maintenance backlog is not due to standard national park maintenance and should instead be paid for by concessionaires private businesses with permits who operate inside national parks. In fact, one analysis found that \$389 million in deferred maintenance costs should be paid for by these private interests. In addition, a Center for American Progress report found that only 30 percent of the \$12 billion was categorized as 'critical systems deferred maintenance' by the NPS. Taking into account concessionaires costs and the other non

critical maintenance costs, the \$12 billion figure that has been repeatedly cited is closer to \$8 billion.

There have been several proposals for funding the NPS maintenance backlog, but they have all fallen short; particularly with a seven percent reduction in parks funding from the Trump Administration. Accompanying this funding cut are proposals such as the National Park Restoration Act and the peak season entrance fee hike to seventeen of America's most popular national parks. After a public comment period, an incredible 98 percent of Americans opposed the entrance fee increase, and thus the Department of Interior (DOI) killed the proposal. The National Park Restoration Act was introduced in March 2018 and would funnel royalties from energy development on public lands into a fund to be used for the maintenance backlogs. This has been criticized as a way to encourage oil and gas development on public lands to enhance President Trump's 'energy dominance' agenda especially due to the inconsistent funding mechanism currently written into the bill.

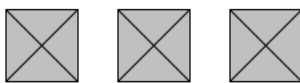
#### Land and Water Conservation Fund, NPS Backlog, and Mountain Communities

The substantial need for funding to address the NPS maintenance backlog must be addressed in a meaningful, consistent manner. However, this does not need to be done in lieu of providing funding for other public land needs through funding from the LWCF. The demand on and for public lands is increasing, especially in mountain and gateway communities. Without proper management and maintenance of these public lands, resources will be strained, and the nearby communities will feel the impacts from degraded forests, streams, and roads.

By providing full and permanent authorization for the LWCF, Congress can ensure that America's public lands are maintained and expanded for the current and future enjoyment of all Americans. Since the LWCF does not rely on taxpayer dollars, this fund does not impact Congressional and Agency ability to provide funding to address the NPS maintenance backlog. Our national parks are a global attraction and are seeing more visitors each year. National parks and other public lands surrounding mountain communities will continue to feel the impacts unless adequate funding is made available. Public lands are important for outdoor recreation, conservation, ecosystem preservation and management, as well as sustainable timber and grazing. With inadequate funding, these lands will continue to be degraded impacting all Americans whether that is from lack of access, unacceptable infrastructure, or reduced water and air quality. Thus, Congress and the Trump Administration must provide funding for both the LWCF and the NPS maintenance backlog.

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## Fully fund and permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund

The bipartisan Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is one of our most successful conservation programs. By drawing funds from offshore oil and gas royalties, not taxpayers, the LWCF funds projects to expand, develop, and improve public lands for recreational areas, conservation, and the preservation of natural ecosystems. National parks like Rocky Mountain, the Grand Canyon, and the Great Smoky Mountains, as well as national wildlife refuges, national forests, rivers and lakes, community parks, trails, and ball fields in every one of our 50 states were set aside for Americans to enjoy thanks to federal funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).

Funding for this more than 50 year program runs out at the end of September 2018. Without funding for the further protection and enhancement of America's public lands, the economic success and cultural vitality of mountain communities may be at risk.

### Why Is The LWCF Important?

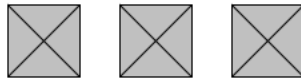
Each year \$900 million dollars are paid into the LWCF, however through the years \$20 billion of these funds have been diverted to other uses leaving inadequate funding for conservation projects even though funding of the LWCF is supported by 85% of

Americans. Funding for the LWCF is currently set to expire on September 30, 2018 and recently, Secretary Zinke proposed a 90% cut in funding for the LWCF that would provide the fund with a measly \$8.1 million. Permanent re authorization of the LWCF at its full amount will provide a long term funding solution to ensure protection of America's natural heritage and outdoor recreation opportunities.

The LWCF has helped create an extensive network of public lands in every state and county in the continental United States. These public lands support outdoor recreation that enhances the economic and cultural vitality of mountain communities. The LWCF needs a long term funding solution to decrease uncertainty about the continuation of important conservation, preservation, and infrastructure projects.

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## **INFORMATION/ BRIEFING MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**

DATE: January 2, 2015  
FROM: Justin Unger, Acting Superintendent, Everglades National Park, 305-242-7713  
Fred Herling, Supervisory Park Planner, Everglades National Park, 305-242-7704  
SUBJECT: Status of Everglades General Management Plan

This briefing statement is being provided in advance of the Secretary's upcoming trip to south Florida where she will attend the Everglades Coalition Conference hosted by the National Park's Conservation Association.

### **BACKGROUND:**

- The Draft GMP/EEWS/EIS public review and comment period took place from February 27 to May 12, 2013. Nine public meetings (more than 1,000 participants) and more than 20 additional stakeholder meetings, including South Florida Congressional delegation, were held. Also, 10 additional site visits, some with stakeholders, to key areas of the park took place this summer and fall to better understand resource conditions and identify best strategies for resource protection and visitor experiences.
- Comments from more than 15,000 individuals/groups were received and analyzed
  - Substantial support for much of the preferred alternative
  - Representative of a wide cross section of user groups and stakeholders who have been actively involved in the project over the years
  - As expected, the vast majority of comments focused on strategies to protect and provide reasonable access to Florida Bay and the East Everglades Addition
- Extensive work with stakeholders on the management direction and zoning for Florida Bay received consensus support following many meetings and on-the-water site visits
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has been briefed on, and is supportive of the directions in preferred alternative for Florida Bay and East Everglades

### **DISCUSSION:**

- The Everglades National Park General Management Plan (GMP) will provide long-term direction for protecting natural and cultural resources and enhancing visitor experiences.
- Public release of the Draft GMP was previously delayed in 2011 due to Director's concerns about the proposed costs to redevelop Flamingo (the park's largest developed area) and the park's Gulf Coast site, particularly given their sea-level rise and storm vulnerability. Revised proposals for both sites supported by the Director.
- The document includes the East Everglades Wilderness Study (EEWS), focused on the 109,600-acre area of the park not previously analyzed for its wilderness values (this area was added to the park after the 1978 law designated 1.3 million acres as wilderness).
- Management direction for 550,000 acres of shallow-water, submerged wilderness resources of Florida Bay and other marine waters that includes:
  - Mandatory boater education and permit program
  - Strategic zoning (preferred alternative includes over 125,000 acres of shallow-water protection zones (pole/troll and pole/troll/idle zones, idle- and slow-speed

- corridors) to enhance protection of natural resources (T&E species/habitat, wildlife, world-class fishery), submerged wilderness, and visitor experiences
  - Better on-the-water marking/signage
  - Increased law enforcement presence on the water
- Management direction in preferred alternative for the East Everglades Addition includes:
  - Preferred alternative provides compatibility with ecosystem restoration projects, establishes zones for commercial and private airboat use, sets direction for rulemaking to identify protect measures/thresholds for natural and cultural resources, and recommends 41,600 acres of wilderness and 42,500 of potential wilderness. There would not be a wilderness proposal for 25,500 acres.
  - Consistency with 1989 Expansion Act related to commercial airboating (possible concessions contracts with up to 4 operators) and private airboating (limited number of eligible individuals grandfathered under the 1989 Act)
  - Protection and restoration of ecological conditions
  - Increased opportunities for visitor use enjoyment
  - Zoning together with the wilderness proposal will fulfill intent of the 1989 Act and Wilderness Act. The vast majority of the area would be managed as backcountry (~70,000 acres) and front country (~30,000 acres) zones.
- Appropriate development and management of coastal visitor use areas (Flamingo and Gulf Coast) susceptible to sea level rise and storm damage (the preferred alternative proposes modest development/redeveloped in climate- and financially-smart ways).
- Establishment of a 120-mile long Alternative Wilderness Waterway for enhanced backcountry experiences.
- Development of a state-of-the-art mandatory boater education program for users to the park's marine waters (program would be widely available through the internet, smart phone apps, and other means).
- Establishment of stakeholder-based Advisory Committee to support plan implementation, monitoring and adaptive management efforts.

## **NEXT STEPS**

- The park is waiting for National Marine Fisheries to complete their Endangered Species Act Section 7 consultation related to the Small Tooth Sawfish.
- Once complete the park will:
  - Schedule a briefing with NPS leadership in Washington.
  - Prepare Federal Register Notice of Availability of Final GMP for surnaming
  - Conduct WASO Clearance to Print Briefing
  - Issue Final GMP/EEWS/EIS
  - Develop a Record of Decision to be approved by Regional Director and published in Federal Register
  - Initiate GMP implementation
- Preliminary work on key implementation actions are underway (e.g., working with WASO Regulations on Draft Rules and Eppler Institute on Boater Education Program)

**EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**EVENT TITLE: FLORIDA BAY FIELD TRIP**

**DATE:** Friday, January 9, 2015  
**LOCATION:** Key Largo Ranger Station, Everglades National Park, FL  
**TIME:** 10:00 AM 1:30 AM  
**FROM:** Justin Unger, Acting Superintendent NPS/EVER, Robert Johnson, SFNRC Director NPS/EVER, Nick Aumen, Science Advisor, USGS.

**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of the field trip is to better understand the past and present conditions in Florida Bay, a shallow lagoon at the southern tip of Florida. Florida Bay serves as a transition zone linking the freshwater uplands and coastal ecosystems of the Everglades to the marine ecosystems of the Gulf of Mexico and the Florida Keys. Florida Bay is composed of a series of shallow interconnected basins, seagrass meadows, mud banks, and mangrove islands. Each of these zones provides important habitats for shore birds, reptiles, fish, and benthic organisms.

Salinity and its annual and seasonal variations define the types of estuarine and coastal ecosystems, and is a major factor in determining the abundance and distribution of plants and animals in the Bay. Salinity varies in space and time in response to fluctuations in rainfall, evaporation, coastal circulation, and freshwater inflows from the upstream Everglades. Freshwater inflows from the Everglades have been substantially reduced since the 1880's, in response to upstream urban and agricultural drainage/development. At the same time, sea level has been rising at a more rapid rate. The combination of these factors has converted much of Florida Bay from a freshwater estuary to a marine lagoon. Everglades restoration will increase freshwater inflows to Florida Bay, and improve salinity conditions, increasing the resilience of these coastal ecosystems to climate change.

**II. PARTICIPANTS\***

- Sally Jewell, Secretary, Department of the Interior
- Don Jodrey, Senior Advisor, Department of the Interior
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- Justin Unger, Acting Superintendent, Everglades NP
- Bob Johnson, Director of South Florida Natural Research Center, Everglades NP
- Nick Aumen, Regional Science Advisor, USGS
- Dave Fowler, Key Largo District Ranger Everglades NP

\* A second patrol boat will follow the main group.

- Blake Androff, Deputy Director Communication, Department of the Interior
- Secretary's Security Detail
- Hold for Press

**III. AGENDA**

9:45 AM Leave the Hilton Key Largo Resort

10:00 AM Arrive at the Key Largo Ranger Station (KLRS)  
10:15 AM Field Trip Orientation and Safety Briefing  
10:30 AM Leave the KLRS by boat, travel into Florida Bay  
10:50 AM Arrive at Porjoe Key (discussion of seagrass and mangrove communities and nutrient dynamics in Florida Bay)  
11:15 AM Depart Porjoe Key  
11:35 AM Arrive at North Nest Key (walk to interior playa lake, discussion of USGS paleoecological studies, and changing salinity regimes in Florida Bay)  
12:00 AM Depart North Nest Key  
12:20 AM Arrive at Duck Key (discussion of freshwater inflow changes due to water management, and current/future restoration improvements)  
12:40 AM Begin Return Trip to the KLRS (travel via the Boggies, Blackwater Sound and the Intercoastal Waterway)  
1:30 AM Arrive at the KLRS, cleanup and return to the Hilton KL Resort

#### **IV. KEY FACTS**

**Florida Bay Characteristics** - Nutrient enrichment caused by human induced eutrophication is common in most aquatic ecosystems. The impacts tend to follow well known hydrologic flow gradients from the upstream sources, such as the Everglades Agricultural Area, into the downstream freshwater wetlands and their associated coastal ecosystems. The tropical wetland vegetation in the Everglades tends to rapidly remove nutrients, so that Florida Bay has naturally low nutrient levels, particularly phosphorus, and the key limiting nutrient in the Bay. Florida Bay was historically considered an oligotrophic ecosystem, meaning that the levels of total phosphorus in the water of the Bay are generally below 10 parts per billion (ppb). Florida Bay is also described as an “upside-down” estuary in that it receives most of its nutrients from downstream oceanic sources. The shallow water depths, naturally low nutrient levels, spatially variable salinity patterns, and primary oceanic nutrient sources are all defining characteristics of Florida Bay, and explain why it is one of the largest and most productive seagrass meadows in the world. These characteristics also make the Bay highly susceptible to altered freshwater inflows, nutrient enrichment, and climate changes, particularly sea level rise.

**Historic Conditions Help Define Restoration Targets** - Understanding the past is key to the future of Everglades’ restoration. Restoration of the greater Everglades ecosystem is dependent on reestablishing historical hydrological conditions, particularly freshwater inflows and salinity in downstream estuaries such as Florida Bay. USGS scientists are using information from dozens of sediment cores to understand the salinity history of Florida Bay going back 500 to 3,000 years. These cores are collected at undisturbed locations on Florida Bay keys that are protected from wave action and storm surge. The layers from the cores are dated using various methods, and the molluscan assemblages at these layers are compared to modern datasets. Because individual mollusk species thrive at specific salinity ranges, the presence and absence of their shells in core layers can indicate salinity conditions hundreds of years before present. Results from these studies have shown that prior to the 20th century drainage projects, Florida Bay was much less saline than now, water stages in the freshwater wetlands were ~0.25 m higher than now, and that freshwater flows through the Everglades

needs to be 1.5 to 2 times greater than the present condition to reestablish natural hydrologic conditions and trends. This information is used to establish salinity performance measures in Florida Bay. In addition, these studies of past conditions and natural trends help us to better predict future conditions under various scenarios of climate change, particularly sea level rise.

**Everglades Restoration and Florida Bay Responses** The key focus of our restoration actions include reducing nutrient inputs, keeping the Everglades wetlands sufficiently wet to protect the underlying organic/peat soils from drying and subsidence, and maintaining adequate freshwater inflows to the downstream estuaries to restore healthy estuarine communities. Our Everglades restoration program activities are directed at four key requirements: (1) re-creating the historic flow connection between Lake Okeechobee and the Everglades, (2) building sufficient water storage and water quality treatment to support the needed volumes of clean water, (3) removal of man-made barriers that obstruct natural marsh sheet flow, and (4) constructing seepage management features to keep the restored water flows in the Everglades, and away from the adjacent developed areas.

Near-term restoration projects that directly benefit Everglades National Park and Florida Bay include the Modified Water Deliveries, C-111 South Dade, and C-111 West Spreader Canal projects. These pre-CERP foundation projects will begin to restore water flows into the Northeast Shark River Slough and Taylor Slough watersheds of ENP, as well as reduce some of the eastern seepage losses within the next five years. These projects will lengthen the duration of marsh flooding and protect peat soils, but will likely not provide substantially higher freshwater flow volumes to Florida Bay. The longer-term projects that include the State's water quality Restoration Strategies, the Tamiami Trail Next Steps bridging and road raising, and the Central Everglades flow improvement projects will allow us to substantially increase freshwater flows through the Everglades and into Florida Bay, and begin to restore more natural estuarine function.



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## **INFORMATION/ BRIEFING MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**

DATE: January 5, 2015  
FROM: Bob Johnson, Director of South Florida Natural Resource Center, Everglades NP,  
305-224-4147  
SUBJECT: Modified Water Deliveries

This briefing statement is being provided in advance of the Secretary's upcoming trip to south Florida where she will attend the Everglades Coalition Conference hosted by the National Parks Conservation Association.

### **BACKGROUND:**

- Prior to south Florida drainage and development, the majority of the water flows entering the southern Everglades and Everglades National Park (ENP) passed through the historic eastern flow-way, known locally as Northeast Shark River Slough (NESRS).
- Completion of the Tamiami Trail roadway in the 1920's and construction of the Central and Southern Florida (C&SF) Project in the 1960's, eliminated natural marsh sheetflow into ENP, and reduced inflow volumes to Shark River Slough by approx. 60 percent.
- The Modified Water Deliveries to Everglades National Park (MWD or Mod Waters) project was authorized under Section 104 of the Everglades National Park Protection and Expansion Act of 1989, to restore more natural water flows to ENP.
- The Army Corps of Engineers constructed a 1-mile bridge and raised the remaining eastern portion of Tamiami Trail roadway by 2014, which sets the stage for improved water conveyance into NESRS.
- A low-lying adjacent developed area, referred to as the 8.5 Square Mile Area (SMA), also required flood mitigation as part of this project, and water flows cannot be restored until the NPS has secured all real estate interests and constructed flood protection cures on the remaining privately owned developed lands in the East Everglades.
- The 8.5 SMA flood mitigation features will be fully operational once a downstream detention area, included in the C-111 South Dade project, is in place by approximately 2017.
- Finally, a series of incremental field tests will begin in early 2015, to slowly increase water flows and marsh water levels in NESRS as the MWD and C-111 South Dade project features are brought on-line, and new a water control plan will be implemented for the combined MWD and C-111 South Dade projects by late 2019.

### **DISCUSSION:**

- In 1989 Congress determined that "the park has been adversely affected and continues to be adversely affected by external factors which have altered the ecosystem including the natural hydrologic conditions within the park" (Everglades National Park Protection and Expansion Act, 1989).
- The 1989 Act directed the Army Corps to construct modifications to the C&SF Project to improve water deliveries, and take steps to the extent practicable to restore the natural hydrology of the park.
- The Modified Water Deliveries project consists of four major components:

- Flood Mitigation for the 8.5 Square Mile Area (8.5 SMA): a residential and agricultural area adjacent to the expansion boundary in the East Everglades;
- Conveyance and Seepage Control Features (CSCF): to reconnect the marshes in WCA-3A/3B, and NESRS, and to control seepage losses from the park;
- Tamiami Trail Modifications (TTM): roadway modifications to facilitate water flow under the road south into ENP; and
- Project Implementation Support (PIS): which includes environmental assessments & monitoring ecosystem responses, a Congressionally authorized experimental water delivery program; the planned incremental field tests, development of the Comprehensive Operational Plan (COP), and raising the Osceola Miccosukee Indian Camp.
- The final comprehensive Water Control Plan is intended to provide hydrological and ecological improvements in Water Conservation Area-3A and Northeast Shark River Slough, while mitigating for any adverse flood control and water supply impacts in adjacent developed areas.
- Army Corps and NPS staff will lead the multi-year interagency implementation process, to analyze the potential effects of proposed operational alternatives on NPS and adjacent natural and cultural resources, and will develop comprehensive reports that document overall restoration benefits.

#### **NEXT STEPS:**

- Construction of the Tamiami Trail one-mile bridge and eastern road-raising is now complete. This work is separate from the Tamiami Trail Next Steps project authorized improvements under P.L. 112-74.
- Construction of the 8.5 Square Mile Area flood mitigation system is nearly complete, and the final component, a new seepage collector canal (C-358) and water control structure (S-357N), should be in place in late 2015.
- All of the MWD conveyance (S-355's) and seepage control features (S-356/357) from Tamiami Trail southward are complete. The planned conveyance features north of the Trail (S-345s/349s) in the Water Conservation Areas will now be implemented through the Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP).
- Construction of the linked C-111 north detention area, a key part of the C-111 South Dade project, was delayed by a land acquisition crediting and O&M dispute between the Army Corps and the SFWMD. The policy issues have been resolved, and construction is expected to be complete in 2017.
- The incremental field testing to raise water levels in Northeast Shark River Slough will begin in early 2015 and continue until all of the real estate interests and flood protection cures in the East Everglades are in place. Revisions to the WCA-3, ENP, and South Dade Conveyance System combined water control plan will be complete in late 2019.
- The final federal appropriations for this project were provided by Congress in FY 2013, and funds appropriated to the NPS for the MWD project totaled \$337.4 million.
- A total of \$77.5 million was appropriated to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the MWD project, and an additional \$3.8 million was provided to the NPS from the FDOT (via deferred maintenance on Tamiami Trail).
- Army Corps and NPS staff support for the incremental field tests, design of the comprehensive Water Control Plan, and monitoring of overall project effectiveness are covered under the remaining MWD project implementation support funding.

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